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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
8 AT SEATTLE

9 STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER WRIGHT,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 KIM GRISHAM,

13 Defendant.
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Case No. C21-5327RSM

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

15 *Pro se* Plaintiff Stephen Christopher Wright has been granted leave to proceed *in forma*
16 *pauperis* in this matter. Dkt. #6. The Complaint was posted on the docket on May 17, 2021.
17 Dkt. #7. Summons has not yet been issued.
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19 Plaintiff, a Washington State resident, brings this action against Kim Grisham, “a
20 resident of Hot Springs, Arkansas.” Dkt. #7 at 1. Mr. Wright alleges that Ms. Grisham “falsely
21 entered into the Arkansas Office of Child Support system information regarding a non-existent
22 court order for Plaintiff to pay monies...” *Id.* There are no further details in the Complaint
23 about Ms. Grisham. Mr. Wright provides no details as to Ms. Grisham’s actions or her
24 association with any government entities. There is no allegation that Ms. Grisham had any
25 contacts with the State of Washington.
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1 The Complaint alleges federal question jurisdiction. Dkt. #1-2 (civil cover sheet); Dkt.
2 #7 (citing 42 U.S.C. §1983).

3 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(h)(3) provides that the Court must dismiss an action
4 if it determines, at any time, that it lacks subject matter jurisdiction. This issue can be raised
5 *sua sponte*. Furthermore, the Court will dismiss a Complaint at any time if the action fails to
6 state a claim, raises frivolous or malicious claims, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant
7 who is immune from such relief. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).

9 The Complaint appears to relate to an enforcement of a child support action, which is
10 outside of federal subject matter jurisdiction both because family law matters are handled by
11 the states and because federal court review of state court decisions is barred under the *Rooker-*
12 *Feldman* doctrine. *See Exxon Mobil Corp. v. Saudi Basic Indus. Corp.*, 544 U.S. 280, 284
13 (2005) (The *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine applies to “cases brought by state-court losers
14 complaining of injuries caused by state-court judgments rendered before the district court
15 proceedings commenced and inviting district court review and rejection of those judgments.”)
16 The Complaint fails to allege any basis for this Court to have personal jurisdiction over Ms.
17 Grisham. If Ms. Grisham is an employee of the State of Arkansas, the Complaint fails to
18 establish why she is not immune from suit. In addition to all of this, Plaintiff does not support
19 his claims with sufficient facts to establish a claim under the Fourteenth Amendment or any
20 other source of law.
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23 Considering all of the above, the Court believes it lacks subject matter jurisdiction,
24 personal jurisdiction, and that this case is otherwise frivolous. Plaintiff’s Complaint suffers
25 from deficiencies that, if not adequately explained in response to this Order, will require
26 dismissal. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3); 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B).
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1 In Response to this Order, Plaintiff must write a short and plain statement telling the
2 Court (1) the basis for this Court's subject matter jurisdiction and why this case is not barred by
3 the *Rooker-Feldman* doctrine, (2) the basis for personal jurisdiction over this Defendant, (3)
4 why this Defendant is not immune from suit, and (4) why this case should not otherwise be
5 dismissed as frivolous. **This Response may not exceed six double-spaced (6) pages.**
6 Plaintiff is not permitted to file additional pages as attachments. The Court will take no further
7 action in this case until Plaintiff has submitted this Response.
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9 Accordingly, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS that Plaintiff shall file a Response to
10 this Order to Show Cause containing the detail above **no later than twenty-one (21) days**
11 **from the date of this Order.** Failure to file this Response will result in dismissal of this case.
12 The Clerk shall send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff at 1161 Bogachiel Way, Forks, WA
13 98331.
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16 DATED this 17th day of May, 2021.
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21 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
22 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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